

CLAIMS**I claim:**

1. A method for presenting a video stream captured by a video streaming  
5 device having no captured image storage, the method comprising: presenting a view  
of the video stream obtained from the video streaming device to a user; and  
contemporaneously presenting one or more images previously captured from the  
video streaming device to the user, thereby giving the user the impression that the one  
or more previously captured images were actually stored in the video streaming  
10 device.

2. A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-  
executable instructions for performing the method of claim 1.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising: retrieving the one or more  
15 previously captured images from a storage location accessible by a computer; and  
presenting the previously captured images to the user on a display of the computer.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the storage location is a virtual folder.  
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5. The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying to the user a user  
interface having a streaming video display area in which the view of the video stream  
is displayed and a captured image display area in which the previously captured  
images are displayed.  
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6. The method of claim 5, further comprising: presenting in the user  
interface a control for capturing a still image from the view of the video stream being  
displayed in the video display area; and in response to the user activating the control,  
capturing the still image and adding it to the previously captured images.  
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7. The method of claim 1, further comprising presenting one or more user controls for capturing a still image from the video stream and presenting the captured image to the user along with one or more previously captured still images.

5 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the view of the video stream is presented on a computer, and wherein there was a break in communication between the video streaming device and the computer between the time that the previously captured images were taken and the time that the view of the video stream is being presented.

10 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the view of the video stream is presented on a computer, and wherein the computer was turned off between the time that the previously captured images were taken and the time that the view of the video stream is being presented.

15 10. A method for giving a user of a computer the impression that one or more images are stored on a video streaming device that is linked to the computer even though the images are not stored on the video streaming device, the method comprising: presenting a folder to the user that is normally used to hold icons of  
20 storage devices; in response to the user selecting the folder, displaying an icon representing the video streaming device; and in response to the user selecting the video streaming device icon, displaying a preview of what the video streaming device sees along with the one or more images that were previously captured using the video streaming device.

25 11. A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 10.

30 12. The method of claim 10, further comprising: presenting a control for capturing a still image from the streaming video device; and in response to the user

activating the control, capturing the still image and adding it to previously captured still images.

13. The method of claim 10, further comprising: recognizing the streaming  
5 video device as one from which still images have been previously captured; and  
retrieving the previously captured still images from one or more storage locations  
accessible by the computer.

14. A system for presenting one or more images that have been previously  
10 captured from a video streaming device but are not stored on the video streaming  
device, the system comprising: a computer for receiving a video stream from the  
video streaming device and executing one or more software modules to process the  
video stream; and a display in communication with computer, wherein the executed  
15 software modules render a view of the video stream together with the one or more  
previously captured images on the display, thereby creating the illusion that the  
previously captured images were stored on the video streaming device.

15. The system of claim 14, further comprising storage media for storing  
the previously captured images.

16. The system of claim 14, wherein the one or more software modules  
comprises a user interface for displaying the view of the video stream and the  
previously captured images, the user interface having a control for allowing a user to  
capture a still image from the view of the video stream.

17. The system of claim 16, wherein the one or more software modules  
further comprises a still image processing layer for processing the image captured by  
the user and presented it to the other software modules.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein the one or more software modules further comprises a filter module for determining whether the video streaming device has a still image pin, and if the video device is determined to have a still image pin, exposing the video streaming device to the still image processing layer as a still image device.

19. The system of claim 14, further comprising a computer-readable medium accessible by the computer, wherein the computer further executes a file management software module for managing the storage and retrieval of data to and from the computer-readable medium, and wherein the file management software module represents the video streaming device to the user as a storage device, thereby further reinforcing the illusion that the previously captured images are stored on the streaming video device

20. The system of claim 19, wherein when a user selects the video streaming device using the file management software module, the file management software module retrieves the previously captured images from the computer-readable medium and presents them to the user as if they were stored on the video streaming device.

21. The system of claim 20, wherein the computer-readable medium includes a means for storing the previously captured images.

22. The system of claim 21, wherein the storing means is a virtual folder.